



*Mome! diu Vixit
Hickeringill
clarus in Arte*



*Marte Magis;
verbis Invidiosum
odium Absistat.*

*His Horescope was qualify'd. —
By Mars and Mercury dignify'd. —*

JAMAICA VIEWED:

WITH

All the *Ports, Harbours*, and their
several *Soundings, Towns*, and
Settlements thereunto belonging.

TOGETHER,

With the nature of its *Climate*, fruitfulness
of the *Soil*, and its suitableness to *English*
Complexions.

With several other collateral Observations
and Reflections upon the ISLAND.

The Third Edition.

By Captain HICKERINGILL.

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THE STATIONER TO THE READER.

THIS View (or Description) of *Jamaica* was Printed, and by Two Editions Published in 1661. by Captain *Hickeringill*, at his Return from *Jamaica*, soon after the Restauration of King *Charles II.* (to whom the Book is Dedicated, and at whose Command it was Compiled, to give His Majesty intelligence of a Territory he knew little of: And in Gratitude to the Author, for his Pains, that King made him Secretary to the Earl of *Windsor*, then going Governour to *Jamaica*; whose Instructions (none so fit to draw up) as he that had been there, and made Observations, and had a Map of the Soundings toward the Island of *Jamaica* given to him, (to publish for the Benefit of all Mariners that touch upon that Coast) by Governor *Doyly*, the Author's dear Friend and intimate Acquaintance, &c. But why the Reverend Author left the Secretaries Place

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(so very Profitable and Honourable) to be a *Divine*, I do not know; This I know, that the Book is *out of Print*, and scarcely to be had for *Love or Money*; and I having the Happiness to publish the Authors Two *Books of Priestcraft*, with good Success, cannot but think that I gratify *the Reader*, as well as *my self*, with renewing an old Book, especially at this time, *when we have* a War with *Spain*, very useful and profitable, as well as pleasant to the Reader; in a *Stile* so peculiar to the Author, that it is near almost needless to prefix his Name, but that the *Stile* of his Youth (45 Years ago) is more *Florid* and *Juvenile* than can be expected now, flagging near the *Autumn* of Fourscore Years, when tis time to expect the Fall of the Leaf. But the Book is reprinted now in 1705. *verbatim*, as at first in 1660. without any one word either *added*, *alter'd* or *diminish'd*, and therefore if any Phrase seem too Aiery and Comical for a *Divine*, 'tis suitable enough to what he then was — a *Jolly Captain*, by Sea and Land. Which may the better compound for these *seemingly wanton Flights* of Juvenile Fancy in his *Satyr against Marriage*; and his *athletical Constitution* and *numerous Issue* secures him from being accounted a *Woman-hater*; he seems to like Wives well enough, so they be content to be *House-Wives*, and keep in their *Kitchings* and *Nurseries*, and not run *Salt and Rank* to *Campaigns*, and *Navy's*, Debauching the Camp; and Young Ladies (like *Venable's*) to be *Leaguer-Ladies*.

TO THE
KING's
Most Excellent
MAJESTY.

May it please Your Majesty.

ALL your Dominions, being
the happy Subjects of your
Care, are therefore the proper
Objects of your View; If in the
throng then, Jamaica here humbly
presents her self to your Royal Pre-
sence,

sence, *be pleased to Interpret this her
obsequiousness to be Duty, not In-
trusion. For since your Majesty has
already graciously deign'd this Isle
your Royal Patronage, Vouchsafe,
Great Sir, at some vacant Hour, to
Grace It with your auspicious Aspect,
in this Mirrour, with all Humility
presented by*

Your Majesty's

Faithfully Devoted Servant,

Edm. Hickeringill.

To

TO THE
READER.

THE Partial *Censures* and Nick-names which Prejudice and Interest have injuriously Imposed upon the Island of *Jamaica*, (after it became the Refuge of that *English* Colony, that of late unhappily Invaded *Hispaniola*) mov'd me, in the negligence of better Pens, to Apologize for it, in this ensuing Description; For indeed, to Describe *Jamaica*, is to Praise it; nor can it look better than with its own Face, exempt from the adulterate *Fucus* of artificial *Piliary*: And believe me, Reader, 'twas no Private nor Politick Design, (hereby to allure and decoy the unwary World) but mere Zeal to Truth, that engag'd me, by my opportune continuance there, to do this Right to that injur'd Island,

Quid dem? Quid non dem? renuis ti, quod jubet Alter.
Hor.

JAMAICA

To

To my Honoured Friend

Capt. Edm. Hickeringill;

Upon his

Reflections on Jamaica:

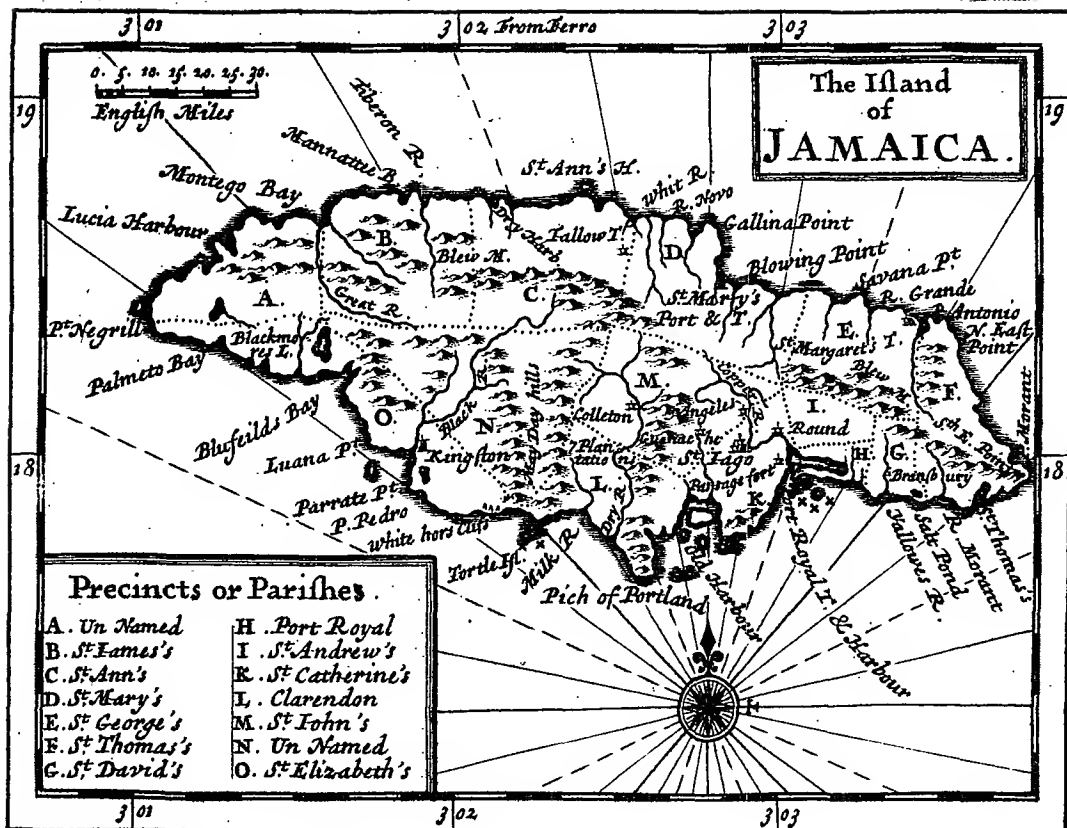
At his Return.

THis Welcome-home, how blunt soe're it be,
Thou wilt accept, Dear Mun, coming from me;
And deign it to attend thy smoother Line,
Mine's honour'd with an Hand-maids place to thine:
And tho' thou knowest, thou had'st my Heart before,
Methinks I love thee for this Book the more,
Which I would Preface with Applauses fit,
(Praising therein my Judgment, and thy Wit)
But that thou dost detest bespoken Bayes.
Yet Truth compels me to prefix this Praise,
That as Thy pregnant Lines now Life doth give
Unto Jamaica; here long shall it live:
And this epitomiz'd Urn shall retain
The Indies Memory when they're Dead again.

Obſerv. amicitia ergo composuit

G. E. Med. D.

JAMAICA



Jamaica View'd.

THAT the Island of *Jamaica* was rather the Grave than Granary to the first *English* Colony (seated there, after their inauspicious Enterprize, upon *Hispaniola*) cannot modestly be denied;

Whether occasioned by the *gripping Monopoly* of some hoarding Officers; or through want of timely *Recruits*, always found necessary for such Infant-settlements: or, thro' some *fatal Conjunction* of the superior Luminaries (that *frown* by course with a *squint* and malignant Aspect on one Nation or other) I will not now dispute.

But that such a Mortality should proceed, either from the *Clime*, being situate in the *Torrid Zone*, (a Heresie unpardonable in the Ancients;) or from any accidental *Malignity* in any of the Elements, peculiarly *entail'd* upon it, whereby it should be less habitable than any other most auspicious Settlement remains here to be controverted.

The Decision whereof can be no better evidence, than by a faithful

Description,

Of the nature of the } Clime
and
Soil.

1. **F**irst therefore, its Climate is placed betwixt the Tropicks, in 17 and 18 degrees of Northern Latitude; and therefore twice every Year subjected to the perpendicular Beams of the Sun, whence it borrowed the style of *Torrid Zone*; a name which did so bugbear and affright the credulity of our Ancestors, that they unjustly *exil'd* and *ras'd* it out from the habitable part of the World; (then monopoliz'd in the temperate Zones) till the more daring Spirits of *Columbus*, and others, Convo'y'd us to an experimental confidence in the contrary; the *Charibby* Islands, *Barbadoes*, *St. Kitts*, *Mevis*, *Antegon*, &c. having prov'd as happy to the Complexions and Constitutions of *English* Men; as *Virginia*, *New England*; nay, as *Portugal*, *Spain*, *Italy*, or any other Confines upon the *Mediterranean* Sea; all which notwithstanding, are situate in the *Temperate Zone*; a Term of Art that now Ironically scandalizes that vulgar division of the World into Zones Habitable, (the *Temperate Zones*;) and Inhabitable, the (*Frigid* and *Torrid Zone*.) For I must avouch that I have found the Air as Sulphurous and Hot in *England*, in the Months of *June*, *July*, and *August*, especially whilst the Sun was near the *Meridian*, as in the hottest Seasons at *Jamaica*, whilst the Sun makes a double in *Cancer*; or in *Guiana*, in the Months of *March*, and *September*; whilst the Sun gallops o'er their *Zenith* in the *Equinox*.

And

And this will appear to be no such prodigious a *Paradox*, if we be undeceived of that vulgar Error, that the *Neighbourhood* of the Sun is the only cause of extream Heat, and its *elongation* the reason of extremity of Cold: for if so, our Summers would be equally Hot one Year as another, and each Day (after the Sun's departure from the Winter *Solstile*) Hotter than another, till he had posted over his half direct Stages to face about in retrograde *Cancer*) both which experience doth disprove; for though his *appropriation* and *elongation* be the same every Year, yet our Summers and Winters are not equally Hot and Cold, and therefore we must seek out for more intrinsical and occult Causes; which now (are not the *Asylum* of Ignorance) since we can certainly ascribe them to the Sun's *Conjunction* (improperly term'd an *Aspect*) and his *Aspects* with other *Planets*, together with his *configurations* with the *Fix'd Stars*: for the Weather is usually the Hottest with us in *England*, after the Sun hath taken his leave of us from his nearest visit, and most fervent Complement, in the foot of *Gemini*, with his old fashion'd *Conj.* in the *Right Knee* and *Shoulder* of *Orion*; and *Auriga*: and our Hottest Seasons are the *Dog-Days*; yet doth not the Sun accompany the lesser *Heavenly Dogge*, till he come to his *Feminine* Nocturnal and unfortunate Lodging, which is in the eighteenth Degree of *Cancer*; of which more at large you may consult *Astronomy*; my business here being only to present you with an *Historical Truth*.

And as the Coldness of our Night-Air in *England* tempers our Hottest and most *canine* Seasons; so the fresh *Breezes* that rise always with the Sun, do fan the *sweating* and *sultry* Climes within the *Tropicks*: so that the Days are usually as Cold as the Nights, except towards

the Morning, and then a culinary Fire is had in request, tho' the Inhabitants are thought to be *dandel'd* in *Apollo's* Lap, or (as the Poets feign) to have been scorch'd, when rash *Phaeton* mistook his way, in his unskilled and unhappy Journey,

— *magne pereunt cum mœnibus urbes :*

Cumque suis totas populis incendia Gentes

In cinerem vertunt, sylva cum montibus ardent,

Ardet Æthiops — — — — —

Quodque suo Tagus omne vehit, fuit ignibus aurum.

Ovid. *Met.* l. 2.

This scorch'd soil *Phaeton* to Cinders burn'd,

When he his Father's Chariot overturn'd;

With hotter Flames (if Fame we Credit may)

Than those he smutch'd in *Æthiopia*.

But the Native *Indians* are sensible of no such extraordinary *warmth*; always making a Fire under their *Hammocks*, that the piercing Air disturb not their sleep.

And the *English* themselves that inhabit almost under the Line in *Surinam*, condemn not their Coverlets in the Night; though indeed very few of them rest in Beds, but *Hammocks*, which do somewhat the more expose the Body to the inquisition of the searching Vapours.

Yet as the extremities of cold in these Regions betwixt the *Tropicks* are indisputably more remiss than in *England*, and the rest of *Europe*; so the Heat qualified with the benefit of the Breezes, more justly styles them *Temperate*, than those *Climates* that have already falsly, (tho' with vulgar consent) *usurp'd* the Title.

First then,

Of the purely Natural, or wild Productions of this Island.

1. With which the *Soil* is so Pregnant and Fertile; that Nature hath stor'd it in no niggardly nor *novocal* benevolence, with Oranges, Lymes, (or bastard Limons,) Guavars, Pomegranates, a kind of Pepper, that tastes like Cloves, and very Aromatick (known by the name of *Jamaica-Pepper*) with innumerable kinds of several *Fruits* that have scarcely found a Name in *English*, with which the Woods are so universally crouded, that they are likewise incomparably stock'd with abundance of *Wild Hogs*, Fat and Large, that cannot but Thrive well upon so bountiful *Commons*, as falls from the Trees in a very liberal Contribution; yet their *Ordinary* is not so free, but that it sometimes costs them their Lives; Their Fat backs betraying their Throats, to the no small advantage of the Hunters, and the whole Island.

Nor are the Woods a more plentiful *Nursery* for the *Hogs* than the *Savana's* are for the *Beeves* and Wild Cattel; in some of which One Thousand would Graze in a Drove, till the too greedy and repented *Eagerness* of felling them by Gun-shot, frighted them to the shelter of the Woods and Mountains; from whence now they dare scarcely peep, except secur'd with the covert of the Night, (their now usual feeding-time in the *Savana's*,) and now but in smaller numbers.

An inconvenience wisely prevented by the *Spaniard* (that lately inhabited, and first *stock'd* the Island) who always on Horse-back *singled* out the Beast he intended to kill, (if so wild as not to come to his *Pen*, amongst his tamer Fellows) and with a sharp Iron in form of an *Half-moon*, fastened to a Staff, *bough'd* him on both his Hind-leggs; afterwards dispatching him at his leisure.

With which two singular Advantages for the raising and encrease of *Stock*, (either of Swine in the Woods, or Beeves in the *Savanna's* or Plains,) is happy in *Jamaica* above any other Island or Settlement; (whether upon the Continent (or Islands of *America*) at this Day peopled by any *English* Colony and Plantation; and will soon flourish above any other, if it want no due Encouragement for the preservation and defence of the *Planters*.

Every Ship that comes from the *Wind-ward* Islands of *Barbadoes*, *Mevis*, *St. Christophers*, &c. being 'crouded above Convenience with all sorts of People.

For besides that the *Soil* yields not to any of the *Charibby* Islands in the plentiful Produce of Sugar-canes, Tobacco, Cotton, *Maiz* or *Indian Corn*, Potatoes, Yawmes, and the like *American* Provisions: it hath three or four singular and extraordinary Advantages to enrich the Planter.

First, By the speedy raising a Stock of Cattel, though from a very mean Principle and Beginning: a notable Policy in the thriving *Spaniard* upon *Hispaniola*, and especially on *Cuba*, (which is better *Peopled*;) and 'tis this: Near some convenient Place, in the Wood, that is best stored with all sorts of *Fruit-bearing* Trees, as Orange-trees, a sort of Cabbage-trees, rag'd with Berries, &c. they build two or three little Houses, or more, by them called a *Crawl*; and in these they first inclose these tame Hogs,

Hogs, with which they begin their Stock, and there feed them; that after (being let out) they will come to the *Haunt*, at the sound of a Horn; But if they be out of hearing, (they many times suspending all care of them for a Week together) they go out with three or four Dogs, that hunt them in; the whole Herd making homewards so soon as ever the Dogs do *Bay* them; unto which *Discipline*, if any of the Hogs be not Conformable, his Refractoriness costs him his Life; his Keeper (for Example sake) scarcely *indemnifying* him for the first Fault.

Thus two or three *Spanish* Slaves, (for a native *Spaniard* scorns the Employ) will look to six or seven hundred Hogs, and provide them Meat, not putting their Masters to a Penny charge.

Which Course may as effectually be managed upon *Jamaica*, in any part of the Island; unparallel'd by any other *English* Settlement in the more *Wind-ward* Islands.

For a stock of Sheep, Cows, Horses, Goats, and the like, there is excellent Pasture in the *Savana's*; some of them forty, some fifty Miles in Circumference, wherein the Grass springs Fresh and Green all the Year long.

The Earth never recalling her lent Sap (as she does mock the *Europeans*) by giving and taking again, every Month being an *April*; The Trees and Plants being never *disrobed* of their *Plumy-liveries*, but wear their best Cloaths every Day; in which *Prodigality* they are licens'd and born out, by their *indulgent* Parents, the Sun and the Earth; These Regions being their *Darlings*, and (to use Sir *Walter Rawleigh's* Stile) *The Paradise of the World*.

Insomuch as here is plenty of Food to relieve the Planter's Cattel throughout the Year, needing no Winter-board; The providence of the *Ant* being useless here.

Secondly, Another singular Benefit to the Planter, is the large numbers of *wild Horses*, well shap'd and very serviceable, being all bred of the *Spanish Gennets*, one of these tam'd and well manag'd may be bought for three Pounds *Sterling*, which would yield six thousand Pounds of Sugar at the *Barbadoes*: of which special Advantage, in easing the charge of making Sugars, needs no dispute.

Thirdly, The said *Savanna's* are common to every Man that will make use of them; for as they are good for little else: The *woody* Ground producing the best Provisions for a Family, as Corn, Potatoes, Plantanes, Cassaunders, Sugar Canes, &c. so seating your self upon the *Skirt* of a *Savanna*, bordering upon a Wood, you may with convenience enjoy the Benefit of both.

Again, as you may stock these Plains without limit; so you may have fifty Acres *per Head*, for your self and Servants, freely assign'd and made over to you, in any place you best like to make your choice; so that the seat you pitch upon, be not first taken up by another; whereas in *St Kitts*, *Barbadoes*, &c. you cannot turn a Horse out but he presently trespasseth upon his Neighbour, if not upon your own Canes: the most barren Rocks (even in the *Scotland* of *Barbadoes*) owning a Proprietor, and the whole Island pestered with a super-numerary glut of Inhabitants; too small a Hive for such a swarm of People.

Lastly, I shall conclude the transcendency of this Isle, by the abundant plenty of choice Timber-Trees and Wood for the Dyer's use, as *Fustick*, *Brasilettas*, *Ebonies*, and a kind of *Logwood*; (but not so effectual as that which grows in the *Bay* of *Campeachee*) together with choice of medicinal Drugs; as *China* Roots, *Gum Guaiac*, *Lignum-vitæ* Trees, *Cassia*, &c. And thus much of the wild and purely natural Productions of this happy Soil.

Reddit ubi venerem tellus inarata quotannis :

The Virgin-earth's not barren here,
But will unoccupy'd Fruits bear.

Second General.

II. *Of the improv'd Productions of the Isle.*

IN the next place, the Fruits of *Jamaica*, that are produc'd by the improvement of Art, will most methodically present themselves to be considered ; wherein I shall purposely omit to give the Reader any Account of those usual Household Provisions, of *Cassawder*, *Corn*, *Potatoes*, &c. nor of those Merchantable Commodities of *Cotton*, *Indigo*, *Tobacco*, *Sugar*, &c. common to it with the rest of the *English* Plantations : But presuming the Reader's acquaintance with those Fruits and Merchandize so vulgarly known, I shall only treat of those that are more rare, and not to be found in any other of the *English* Colonies in *America*.

1. The first that I shall mention is the *Cocoa*-Walks, which are not few in this Island, some of them containing ten or twelve Acres of Ground, some more, some less : The Trees are about the bigness of our largest Plum-Trees in *England*, orderly set, like our Orchards, at the distance of six or seven Foot from each other ; which *Interstitiums* are carefully weeded, and cleared from
from

from the Grass, that the *Cocoa*-Trees may, without a Rival, engross the Sap and Substance of the *Soil*, which is chosen the most fertile that can be got, and naturally screen'd and shaded from the piercing Rays of the Sun: Nor, indeed, can any Ground be better employ'd; the *Spaniard* (who best understands the value of them) reckoning every one of his *Cocoa*-Trees to be worth him a Piece of Eight *per An.* after it begins to bear, which is usually about seven Years after its first planting; in which time they are once or twice *transplanted* for the first two Years, and especially in their *Infancy* must be *protected* from the scorching Sun by the favourable *interposition* of some shady Trees; and therefore the *Plantane*-Walks are usually made choice of, for such *Nurseries*.

Of the Fruit or Nuts of these Trees is made the so fam'd *Chocoletta*, whose Virtues are hyperboliz'd upon every Post in *London*: though we must confess it of excellent Nourishment.

The *Spaniard* victualling for a long and wilderness Journey, with no other Refreshment, than Cakes made of the Kernels of those *Cocoa*-Nuts; which he dissolves in Water for his Meat and Drink.

The Composition of these *Cocoa* Cakes or *Chocoletta* is now so vulgar, that I will not disparage my Reader by doubling his Acquaintance in so known a *Recipe*, a very *Crambe* in other Authors.

Yet will it not be impertinent to render a most exact Description of the Nuts, than is hitherto extant, either in the *English* or *Spanish* Writings, that have as yet come to my Hands. *Herrera* and *Acosta* report this Fruit to be less than an Almond; whereas Doctor *Hernandez*, or rather, *Antonius Recchius* in *Hist. Plant. in Amer. excuss. Romæ* 1651, describes it to be bigger then a *Musk-millon*.

Hernandez was implov'd by the King of *Spain*, to give an Account of the Physical Rarities and Plants of *America*, and to that purpose dispatched thither by the said *Catholick King*, and is therefore more Creditable and Authentick than *Herrera* or *Acosta*: though indeed he does somewhat hyperbolize when he equals this Fruit with the largeness of a *Musk-million*; for the Husk or Cod is no bigger than the largest Pears in *England*; growing immediately out of the Bole or Body of the Tree, and *Stock* of the Branches, admitting not so much as the *intermedium* or *uberage* of a Twig, *sprouting* from the bottom to the top, twice especially every Year, *viz.* in the Months of *January* and *May*, the chief Months for the *Harvest* of them.

The outward crust, or *putaminous* Husk, being broken, appears full of little *Kernels*, or Nuts, each of them *inclosed* in a *slimy* Substance and *film*, of a *phlegmatick* Complexion, but of a most relishing Taste: under which is another *Shell*, which when *bak'd* in the Sun, resembles the Colour and Substance of a Chestnut; but the Kernel is of a *Chestnut-kue* both within and without, and of this is made the *Chocoletta* Cakes; full of an oily Substance, not unlike that of the Oil of Almonds *per expressionem*: and of this the meanest Labourer in *Jamaica* compounds his *Morning-draughts*, wherein though he fares like a *Gallant*, yet his following Musick upon the *Hoe-boy* (wherein he practiseth to keep his Hand in use, and sometimes till his Heart akes) doth more melodiously affect his Master's Ears than his own, and seems more harmoniously Consonant to his *Canvas-Drawers*, which are also the sometimes Ornament of the Petticoat-Sex (through the rigour of their Masters *unmanumitted*;) so
that

that here likewise the Women, (though not with that Complacency) sometimes wear the *Breeches*.

In the Bay of *Honduras*, the Coast of *Carthagena*, and also in most Places of *North-Hispaniola*, two of these little *Cacao-Nuts* (or *Kernel*;) pass courant for one Barthing, with which (as good Sterling) they truck in the Markets.

to 2. The *Coco-Nuts*, which grow on a smooth and slender Tree, whose *waste* (in Circumference) equals that of a Man's; but its *Stature* doubles his Height.

Upon the top of whose *Bulk*, the Nuts in small clusters do *germinate* immediately from the Tree, at the footing of the Branches.

The Nuts (with the Husk on) is of a *Pyramidal* Form, and may vie Dimensions with the greatest *Logger-head*.

The outward *Rind* or *Husk* is of a *fibrous*, spongy Substance, about an Inch thick, warily guarding, with superfluous Chariness, the inclosed Shell, whose *Negro-skull* is not easily broken.

In some Countries (as in *Guinea*) the Natives, carve out this Rind into a kind of coarse Tow, which serves them for Cordage, Cables, Okam, and Ropes to rig their Ships; whose *Hulls* and *Masts* (as is reported) are shap'd out of the Body of the Tree; and *distilled*, only with the Nuts, in whose content, is *bestell'd* up both Drink and Bread; a milky Liquor running out, so soon as you give it vent: for which purpose Nature hath trim'd it with three *bring-boles* at the top.

Thus one Tree sets up a *Marriner*, and an Orchard sets out a Fleet; and at the return of the *Wage*, the Seamen are contentedly paid off with this Fruit alone; which serves for Money, Meat and Drink.

And

And indeed the milky juice is a most Ambrosian Dainty, very *Diuretick*, and proper *Pharmacy* for *Nephritic* Distempers.

Of the Shells (*polish'd*) are made very handsome Drinking-cups, in which Office, they serve us for rarity here in *Europe*. But they make no such use of the *Rind* at *Jamaica*; the inner Bark of a kind of Fig-tree furnishing them (by the *Negroes* Art) with all sorts of *Cordage*, useful in a Plantation.

This Tree *parturiates* every Month, and will have Fifty or Sixty Nuts at a *Burthen*.

If you cut the Bark of the Tree or Fruit (whilst green) there issues forth a *Nectar*, like that of the *Wounded Vine*; or the *English Birch-Tree* perforated in the Spring, but of a far more *Aromatick* taste.

I purposely omit to speak of other pleasant Fruits in the Country, that are either common with other Islands, or not transported into *Europe*, because I would not puzzle the Reader with hard Names, nor *Tantalize* him with a Discourse of Dainties, that he is never like to Taste in *Europe*; and those to go thither, need no Tutor.

But the *Cocoa* and *Coco-Nuts* are Merchantable Commodities, enhanced for their singular Use and Delight.

I shall conclude with one Rarity more, of which in *Jamaica* is too great a Plenty; and that is the *Alligator*, or *Indian-Crocodile*, an Amphibious Creature, that (like an *Otter*) haunts both the Land and Water.

I have seen many of them upon *Hispaniola*, but never any in the *Charibby*-Islands, nor in the Windward Settlements upon the Main.

It would be too long to tell what large Feats are Storied of this Beast; as, that he will pull the Bulls into the

the Water, (catching them like a *keen* Mastiff by the Cheek) when they come to Drink, &c.

This is true, that they have an incomparable strength in the Water, in which as their most Friendly Element, they do usually encounter the *Prey*, especially, if the mastery will requite their utmost strength in the *Grapple*.

But though he *wins* the *Field* in the Water, (with a *Bull*) yet he must share the *Spoil* on the Shore ; for he cannot (without the danger of Drowning) swallow his *Booty*, through an impediment in his Throat. Some of them (I have seen) Six or Seven Yards long, but their usual *stretch*, may *bate* the half ; And indeed, tho' they are *Fierce* and *Ravenous*, yet at the approach of a Man, whil'st they lie *Basking* upon the Sands, they be-take themselves, (tho' with no great haste) into the Water ; yet is it not very safe *Sleeping* near the Shore where they Haunt, lest they take you Napping. Yet can they not prejudice a Child that is but aware of them: For their Motion is very Slow ; neither can they turn the Head, but the whole Body must wheel for Company.

Dat Deus immiti cornua curta —

There is as good *Civet* in the Cods of an Old rammyish *Alligator*, as in the *Ginney Civet Cats*,

I shall not mention here the plenty of all sorts of Fish, and Wild Fowl, as *Ginney Hens*, *Ducks*, *Wild Pigeons*, &c. because these Collections shall take notice only of what is singular in this Island, without a Co-partner, or any Parallel in any other Settlements of our Country-Men.

But

But possibly amongst these Rarities some will expect I should (as the most welcome News) discover some Mines of Silver or Gold; as the most undoubted transcendency of a Rich Land.

*Scilicet uxorem cum dote; fidemque & amicos, traham
Et Genus & formam, regina, pecunia donat.
Ac bene munitum decorat suadela, Venusque.*

This *Auri sacra fames* of the *Lyrick*, is usually the Grand Inquest; and without it other things seem to want their Taste, or Relish but Unfavourly, especially to such an *Epicurean* as that was, that Charm'd his Senses with this *Lullaby*;

Forbear your Stoick Rules, go read;
To bed-rid Age; for I'll not heed
Your peevish Morals, till dull sense
Despairs to have concupiscence.
No, (whilst my Spirits are young and good,
Revelling in my Frolick Blood)
Compar'd to me old *Epicure*,
Shall be a Puritan demure.
Each sense shall play the Parasite,
To humour my coy Appetite,
Till I (bidding all joys good-night)
Prove the *Nil ultra* of delight.
For Virtues only that attend
A State not needy I commend;
For on your beggar-virtues I
Dote not (except integrity)
Such as is *Patience per force*,
A Virtue practis'd by my Horse.

When

When him to th' Manger I do tie
From Meat, long'd for with leering Eye.
And let Humility be gone,
When I have nought to be proud on.
Rather than such poor Virtues have,
Some court rich Vices or a Grave.

Such is some Mens Prophane *Bowliny* and Insatiable
Poludipsie after Gold, through the depravement of their
canine and *pical* Appetites.

— *nec*

Terret ambustus Phaeton avaras spes. Hor.

Neither Heat nor Cold can *baracade* the *entrails* and
womb of the Earth, from the *Cæsarean Section*, and De-
bauch'd *midwifery* of the greedy Miners; which (as
'tis thought) would not in *Jamaica*, prove Labour in
Vain; for some *Melottoes* and *Negroes*, (that were lately
Slaves to the *Spaniards* in this Isle) tell us, that their
Masters did certainly know of two Silver Mines; yet
are they not hitherto found by the *English*; whose *scru-*
tiny therein, is not very *prying* and *exact*, the which,
tho' assured, were no Policy to Divulge, till their Num-
bers be encreased, and their foot-hold secured; Argu-
ments, that perswaded the *Spaniards* to reclose and dam
up a Rich Silver Vein in a Mountain near the Sea, a
few Leagues to the Norward of *Cape St. Nicholas*, at
the west-end of *Hispiniola*: not daring to present such
a temptation to the Princes of *Europe*, till his Mines in
Petozo, *Peru*, and *New Spaine* be worn out; that his
spare Hands then may not only extract, but secure the
Oar; a Prize, which if now expos'd to publick noti-

would create him many an unwelcome *Rival*, that would not be to seek of Pretences enough, to further his *Suit*: since our Mother Earth doth indifferently *prostrate* her Womb to the common Embraces of any *Ravisher*, that hath *Arms* strong enough to secure him in the Rape; the only *Patent* that the *Spaniard* can shew for his *India-Mines*.

Which himself very well knows, and is therefore very unwilling to dispute his Title, but where he can *command* an Army, instead of a *Jury* to make good the *Claim*; the which he can hardly *Levy* upon *Hispaniola*; it being so thinly Peopled, that he can scarcely muster five hundred fighting Men, (in the whole Island) though he should put forth a general Press (enforc'd with the strictest Commission of *Aray*;) except only in the Town of *St. Domingo*; which is distant above one hundred and fifty Miles from the forementioned Mine; and are not able with all their Skill and Strength to root out a few *Buckaneers* or Hunting *French-men*, that follow their Game, in despite of them, though they cannot number three Hundred at a general *Rendezvous*: and those dispersed at three hundred Miles distance from one another, on the *North* and *West* sides of the Island; of whom peradventure I may have hereafter more occasion to Discourse.

Therefore it is not much material, whether or no, *Jamaica* own any Silver Mines, though it be more than probable that time will discover some:

Quicquid sub terra est, in apricum proferet ætas.

For if there were but Strength of Hands in *Jamaica*, they might procure Money with less Labour than Digging; except the *Spaniard* will quietly suffer them to reap the Fruits

Fruits of the common Earth. For the *Propriety* where-
of he can show no *Bill of Sale* but his *Sword*.

Thus much in General.

I shall now give you a more particular Description of
this Isle, with its Harbours, Towns, Ports, Sound-
ings, exactly represented in this Map, to your
View.

W Herein the chief Harbour at Point Cagway merits
Precedency, lying *North-West* from the said Point
in an Arm of the Sea, that shoots in three or four Leagues
within the Land.

Where one Thousand tall Ships may safely ride at one
time, and all sufficiently shelter'd from Winds and Waves;
and if they please, close aboard the Shore, for an Eng-
lish Mile in length, incomparably convenient for careen-
ing Ships of all Burthens.

Upon this Point or sandy Bay is now built above five
Hundred Houses, by the *English*, chiefly for the accom-
modation of *Sea-men*, especially the *Privateers*, who are
their best Customers; and sometimes, as now it is, the
Residence of the General, and some Merchants and Ma-
nufactures; whose Shares to build upon is measured out
to them by the *Foot*, and that immediately forfeited, if
not forthwith improv'd by Buildings, which now almost
cover the Face of the Bay for a Mile in length; the
breadth thereof being variable, sometimes borrowing of

the two Seas, in whose Arms it lies, and then *repaying* with unequal *Interest*; so that about a Mile from the Harbour's Mouth, it is almost *Bankrupt*.

The Bank in that Place not extending to above half a Cables length in breadth: where, if cut through from Sea to Sea, (which very little Labour would effect,) this *Isthmus* would lose its Name in an Island: And the *Conversion* conduce much to its Security.

For there is no landing upon the *South-side* of the Bay (which is wash'd and Burs upon the main Seas) by reason of the Fury of the Waves (not pacified by any *Breakers*,) even in the becalmest Seasons.

And the Entrance into the Harbour is commanded with a Fort, built by the *English*: wherein there are at this Day, some as good Canon planted, as the Tower of *London* would afford, yet the Bay, (or said Town) consisting on nothing but loose Sand (in most Places whereof you have Water, in sinking but three or four Foot) admits no sufficient defence in Teneable Bulworks, without the Tribute of Foreign Materials; which are not far to seek.

The worst is, their Water, which is infected (by the intrusion of the Neighbour-seas) with a brackish Taste; and therefore they make use of none but what is fetch'd three or four Leagues in Boats and *Canoes*.

Which inconvenience dissuaded the *Spaniards* from gracing it with so much as one House, seating themselves near a pleasant River, and by the side of a most lovely *Savana*, in the famous Town of

St. Jago de la Vega.

Which was as well built, and as large as any Town in *England*; but now has lost much of its *Prisine* Lustre, since the Landlords became *English*; for it did contain Two Thousand Houses, and upwards, with Sixteen Churches and Chappels, when it was first seized upon by the Army conducted by General *Venables*; now there remains only the *Skeletons* of Two Churches and an *Abbey*, with about Five or Six Hundred Houses; some of which are yet very pleasant and habitable.

This Town was first Founded by *Columbus*, to whose happy search the *West-Indies* first discovered it self; (all former Commerce and Traffick thither being till then adjourn'd beyond the *Records* of Time and Memory) but now by him reviv'd to Correspondency. He was the first Father and God-father to this Town, giving it the Name of *St. Jago de la Vega*; (which it reciprocally retorted to him in his, and his yet remaining Families Title of Honour) by the good Pleasure of the King of *Castile*, created Duke de la Vega, Famous in *Spain*, even to this Day.

Here is plenty of *Cassia Lignea*, and Oranges of excellent Relish, in abundance, with some other choice Fruits, the Fruits of the *Spanish* Industry.

The mentioned *Savana* that faces the Town is now pretty well stockt with Sheep, Goats, Cows, and especially tame Horses. But it did contain many Thousands of each whilst the *Spaniard* own'd it.

The back-side of the Town is wash'd with a fair, but unnavigable River, which buries it self in the Sea at *Passage-Fort*. About

About Twenty or Thirty Years ago, this Town was won by a little Fleet of *Englishmen*, fitted out from the *Charibby* Islands, chiefly from *St. Kitts*, under the Command of General *Jackson*, who landed about Five Hundred Men at *Passage-Fort*, and Fought his way up to the Town, against Two Thousand *Spaniards*, who still fled before him; but somewhat retarded his *Career*, by Six or Seven several Breſtworks, caſt up athwart the Road, on purpoſe to Bulwark this Town, (the Jewel of this Ile) from ſuch Inroads and ſudden Surprizals; For the prevention whereof, they kept continual Watch upon a great Hill that overlooks the Sea, the Harbour, and the Town, from whence the Centinels, in the twinkling of an Eye, by tokens agreed upon, ſignified the imminency of approaching dangers; As at this time when General *Jackson* made the Onſet; the Strength of the Ile being drawn up on the Shore, before he could land his Men; whom, tho' the *Spaniards* ſomewhat reſiſted, and at their ſeveral Breſt-works cauſ'd them to make an unwilling Halt; yet the fury of *Jacksons* Men, greedy of Spoil, overcame all Difficulties, neglecting Dangers in compariſon thereof; Thus with the Loſs of Fourteen Men, forcing to the Town, Plunder'd it, to their no ſmall enrichment. The Booty likewise being advanced by a large *Fine* paid him by the *Spaniards*, on condition the Town might be preſerved from Burning; which was accordingly ſaved, and their retreat to the Fleet undiſturb'd.

But when the ſwelling *Armado* with General *Venables*, attempted this Town, (after their worſe Succeſs againſt *St. Domingo*) they beat the Buſh ſo long, till the Bird was ſhown. For the Subtle *Spaniard*, delaying our Men with parleys, and fair Words, in the interim diſpatches away Bag and Baggage; ſometimes ſending Beeves to ſtay
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the Stomachs of the Hungry Soldiery; and bearing General *Venables*, in hand with choice *Viands*; and *Spanish* Dainties presented to his Lady, who had more mind to Eat than Fight.

Thus staying them off, till their *Train* and best *Movables* had got so much *Law*, that afterwards the swiftest pursuit could not give them a *Turn*, before they had got *Covert* in their Fastness, the Woods.

And certainly, the Treasure they carried with them could not but be very considerable if we may guess at the worth of the Jewel, by the splendor of the Cabinet, that kept it: or estimate the largeness of the Bird by the Nest: the *Town* being then even to magnificence, adorn'd with spacious Houses.

For the safe-guard whereof, the *Spaniards* never durst cope with our Men in the plain Field; yet would sometimes gawl them, when befriended with the treachery, that Night and the Woods do afford; in which clandestine encounters, tho' at first the *Spanish* Success was too Fortunate; yet dear bought Experience did in a little time train up our Men in the same *Mysteries*: in which now they are grown so perfect, that they never cease Beating both *Spaniard* and *Negro* at their own Play, and with their own Weapons, till they had clear'd the Island of them; In despair now of Recovery (being so often frustrated in their reattempts,) except by some Invincible *Armado*, which yet will find work enough, e're they make the Island too *Hot* for the *English*, now Naturaliz'd to the Country, and can never want Shelter nor Victuals whilst they have the Woods to befriend; with which now they are so well acquainted, that the *Molottoes* and *Negroes*, (which the *Spaniards* left behind them to keep possession of the Island, therein reckoning without their Host,

Host, presuming them Unconquerable, and past finding out) are now so overmatch'd in their own *Arts*, that their Captain and the major part of them have submitted; thereby lessening their Master's *Title* by Eleven Points of the *Law*; and craving *English* Protection; into which, they are upon Submission received, by the truly Honourable General *Dawley*, and now authorized to Prey upon, and *Hunt* their Fellows, that in scattered Parties yet stand it out, having already *sealed* their Allegiance with the Blood of their old Associates, not without the dextrous contrivement of that Noble General, whose happy Policy in the wary preservation of this Forlorn in *Jamaica*, hath already without the suspicion of Flattery, authorized the Style. To whom our Nation, in some measures stands indebted for the *Reprizal* of that Honour at *Rio-Novo*, which was so shamefully Lost under the Debauch'd conduct of General *Venables* in *Hispaniola*: the *Spaniards* till then having so mean and despicable Thoughts of *English* Courage, that upon the Onset at *Rio-Novo*, they upbraided our Men with the opprobrious mention of *Sancta Domingo*, till the repeated Assay of their Valour, disciplin'd them into better manners.

For though the numbers of the *Spanish* Forces at *Rio-Nova* doubled the *English* (being sent from *Cuba* to reinforce and resettle the Island) and those strongly Entrenched; yet such was the enraged earnestness of the Soldiery to redeem their wounded Honours, that (regardless of all odds and disadvantages) they *storm'd* them in their Trenches with a resolution as undaunted as the success was prosperous. Hereby not only *retrieving* the *Pristine* Fame of their Country-men; but also hitherto *frustrating* all hopes in the *Spaniards* of further Attempts to *regain* the Island.

Another Party of *Spaniards* reseating themselves at *Point-Pedro*, being attended with a no less inauspicious Fate.

And the truth is, the Island, tho' it were less Fruitful, is worth the Fighting for, tho' it should cost the *Spaniard* some of his best Blood; for it lies within his Bowels, and in the Heart of his Trade.

For all the Treasure that his Plate Fleet brings Home from *Cartbagena*, steer directly for *St. Domingo* in *Hispaniola*, and from thence must pass by one of the ends of this Island to recover the *Havana*, the common Rendezvous of this whole *Armado*, before it returns home thro' the *Gulf of Florida*. Nor is there any other way (whereby to miss the Island of *Jamaica*) because he cannot in any reasonable time turn it up to the Windward of *Hispaniola*; the which tho' he might with difficulty perform, yet he would thereby lose the security of his united Forces, which at the *Havana* (from all the Parts of the *Bay of Mexico*, *New Spain*, and the Rich Merchandize that comes by *Nombre de Dios*, from the South Seas,) accompany each other Home, from the said general Rendezvous.

So that the *Privateers* from *Jamaica* are often Fingering the Plate, and other Precious Commodities, that was never consign'd to them; by picking up their single and stragling Vessels, before they are ensured by their embodied Fleet.

In which respects (as in many others) Necessity hath made a better choice of a Seat for the *English* Dominions, then their intended surprisal of *Hispaniola*, tho' it had been Achieved: And their *Winnings*, (if the Game be followed) will unexpectedly outvie the stakes.

And here I cannot but take notice of the many convenient *Harbours*, adjudged by the most experienced *Mariners* to equal the best that they ever came to Anchor in. For besides that already mentioned at *Point Cagg-way*. There is another (nothing inferiour) below it to the *Lee-ward* at about Four or Five Leagues distance; and may as conveniently serve the Town of *St. Jago*, as that other at *Cagg-way*; they being Triangularly situated: It is usually known by the name of *Old Harbour*, where Four Hundred Tall Ships may ride together, without danger of falling Foul upon one another.

And about fourteen Leagues to *Wind-ward*, is another safe Port, called by the *Spaniards*, *Porto Morant*, which yet retains the Name. In the Confines whereof a Regiment is Seated; who with many other Planters, have now made themselves considerable in the Produce of Sugar, Tobacco, Cotton, &c.

But it is beside my scope to mention every Harbour on this and the North-side of the Isle, lest this Volume extend beyond the Compendious Dimensions of Journal Notes; calculated only for those that are most remarkable, especially since the 'fore-inserted *Plat* may satisfy a more critical enquiry; and be sufficiently Authentick to confute those traditional *Heterodoxes*, that some * *Mens Rashness* hath published to the contrary, upon bare report.

But I shall adjourn a more plenary discovery to these ensuing *Animadversions*.

* *Amer. desc. p. ult. 1655.*

REFLECTIONS

Upon the present Affairs of

JAMAICA;

And the Expedition against

HISPANIOLA:

Under the Conduct of

General *VENNABLES*.

THAT Bulky *Armadoes* are many times sunk with their own weight; which, if parcell'd out into seasonable Recruits, had signified more by each *Retail*, than the prodigal waste of such *whole-sale* Adventures.

The Dimensions of this great Preparation vastly exceeding the difficulties that could encounter them, from all the united Forces in *Hispaniola*: and fitted out with

Strengths sufficient to make Prize of the whole *Spanish* Plate-Fleet, rather than the *sacking* of a small Town, or an unpeopled Land, such as is *St. Domingo* and *St. Croix*; who at the first *brunt* left this Town to the *mercies* of Gen. *Jackson's* Men; tho' timely Alarm of *Jackson's* Detachment, at the Harbours Mouth, for four or five days space; and then not able to land above five hundred Men.

A thousand *English* Soldiers being now an *overmatch* to all the Power that the *Spaniards* in *Hispaniola*, can bring into the Field; unable at this Day to *serve* more a few *French* *Buccaneers*, or hunting *Maroonages*, formerly mentioned; who live by *killing* the wild Bees for their Hides; and might grow rich by the Trade, did not their lavish Riotings in Expence (at the neighbour *Tortuloes*) exceed the hardship of their *Incomes*. Their comfort is, they can never be *broke* whilst they have a Dog and a Gun; both which, are more industriously *tended* than themselves.

These *African* Straglers (that seldom Number above Five or Six in a Company) are often Affronted with the *Spanish* Rounds (consisting of about One Hundred Fire-Locks) that Once a Year compass this Island, yet dare they never *cope* with these Resolute Champions, and wandering *Knights*; who, setting Back to Back, would make sure to sell their Lives at a double rate, and in that Posture bid Defiance to the Enemy.

The Grave Seignior scorning to *barter* a drop of *Fernish* Blood, in exchange for an Ocean of such *Rascal* *Gaul*.

And I am very confident that the small Remnant left in *Jamaica* (knowing how to *Victual* their Camps with what the Woods afford) will be able to *disarm* the *Spaniards* in *Hispaniola* or *Cuba*, (even to admiration,) and above what the most favouring *presage* can expect or *Autumn*.

And

And certainly this *Foot-bold* (yet secured, maugre the *Spanish* Craft and Power,) foiled twice by them in their *re-attempts* doth open so fare a passage into the *Indies*; that if His Sacred *Majesty*, our most excellent Prince do not in mercy baulk the *Spaniard*, a few Years will immortalize Him one of the greatest *Emperors* of the World: being happy, and not only in an *invincible* Navy, but in the Dominion of *Northbern* Kingdoms, that are *therefore* so fruitful, that they store him with more *Men* than *Room*; who are soonest likely to leave jostling when they are warded with more *Elbow-room*: The very Division of that united *Abraham* and *Lot*, who by too near correspondence fell together by the Ears. Thus too nigh Neighbourhood begets Contentions, whilst distance and absence usually enhanseth the Affections of near Friends.

Reflect. II.

2. **T**hat sudden Surprizes from an *Ambuscade*, usually prevails more than open Force. The whole Strength of *Hispaniola*, tho' embodied and in view, not being able to strike that terrour, and make such havock of our amazed Soldiers, as Forty or Fifty *Negroes* and *Molettoes* effected by an unlook'd for *Onset*.

Gaining more by this juggling delusion, than their whole Army could by Play *above-board*. The *Spaniards* (like *Hannibal*) obtaining conquest with their Heads rather than their Hands.

Nor are they so usually Foiled, as when encountered with their own Weapons: a wary plodding *Fabius* signifying more than a Hot Spur *Marcellus*.

To

To which *squint-ey'd* Mode in War, *Scanderbeg* stands indebted for most of his Victories against the *Ottomans*; as also *Joshua*, tho' back'd with a Divine reserve, for the Defeat of *Ai*.

Thus also do the Native *Indians* encounter their adverse Nations, rather stealing upon them, than assailing them; especially, practised by the *Meridional*, and more oriental *Americans*; whose diminutive statures call for the assistance of Wily Stratagems, neglected by the more Northerly and armstrong Regions; whose Character, (according to mine own knowledge and experience) especially of those *Gutana* and *Chariby Indians*, that cohabit with the *English* in *Surinam*, I deem not much extravagant here to insert.

Under the Line that equals Night and Day

Guiana stands, part of *America*:

On whose Head *Phœbus* shoots his fiery Steams,
Twice every Year, with down-right darted Beams.

In his *Twelve Houses*, as he travels forth
Along the *Zodiack*, 'twixt the South and North.

Whole Native *Indian* hath not, nor needs Art
To cloth himself, Nature supplies that Part.

They're true Philosophers, not much they have,
Nor do they want much, nor much do they crave.

They care not for to Morrow; no supply,
But just from Hand to Mouth, no Granary:

If they want Flesh, they take their Bow in Hand,
And then for Hare or Deer, hunt o're the Land.

For all Game here most eas'ly taken be,
Since they take Covert in some Hollow Tree.

Or some such crazy Refuge, whence they are
Dig'd forth at leisure for the Hunter's fare.

Or

Or if the Stomach do in Fish delight,
 With wily feats he gluts his Appetite.
 His Bread and Drink both made of one Root are,
Cassawder call'd, cook'd by the Womens care;
 Who shew their best of Duty to their Home,
 When their Mates wearied with their Booties come.
 For every Man in's House is Lord and King,
 Hath pow'r of Life and Death, and every thing:
 His Will's his Law, from him there's no appeal,
 No other Monarchy or Common-weal.
 If Wives and Children offenders are,
 His Will's the Judge; Hand, Executioner:
 To none but to their Chief, they Homage owe,
 That's the Eldest Son, when Marry'd, t' him they Bow,
 His Father, Mother, Brethren, Nephews all;
 Must low'r to him, and on the Knee must fall:
 Till his first Son be Married, then he
 (Depos'd) must to his own Son bend the Knee.
 Thus do they live by Families, thus then
 They're always Govern'd by middle ag'd Men:
 When any Dies, into his Urne is hurl'd
 All that he hath, (to use, i' th' other World:)
 His Axe, Bill, Knife, his Bow and Hammock too,
 And this the best of service they can do
 For their Dead Friend. If he a Captain be,
 Then if he have a Slave, he then must Die;
 And the same *Roge* burn both; thus is supply'd
 Each one i' th' other World, as 'fore he Dy'd.
 But usually their Slaves, when Captive ta'en,
 Are to the *English* Sold; and some are Slain,
 And their Flesh forthwith Barbacud and Eat
 By them, their Wives and Children as choice Meat.

Thence are they call'd *Caribs*, or *Cannibals*;
 The very same that we *Man-eaters* call.
 And yet herein lies not their chief content
 To Eat for Food, but as a Sacrament;
 To bind them and their Children to be fierce,
 And into th' Entrails of their Foes to pierce.
 Tho' in the World no greater Cowards be,
 Managing all their Fights with Treachery,
 Most of their Feats by Stealth and Night are done,
 If once it come to Handy-gripes they run.
 Thus much I'll say; I would not wish to have
 A better Friend, or Foe, or better Slave
 Than is an *Indian*; where he once affects,
 In Love and Service shall be no neglects.
 Command him as your Slave, his Life, his All;
 If he do once you but *Bone-aree* call;
 And who would wish an easier Foe than he,
 That (like a Buck) at noise of Guns will Flie,
 But then your Slave, if that an *Indian* be,
 No other Caterer you need but he.
 He Plenty shall provide for yours and you,
 With his Dogs only, and his Bill and Bow,
 And thus much for their Men. Their Women are
 Lovely, tho' Brown; Modest, hiding their Ware.
 With several colour'd Beads together Knit
 With Art methodical together set;
 And this they use whilst they are Young and Fair,
 But when they're old, they're heedless, all is bare.
 If of your Wine and Brandy, you'll be free,
 They'll not leave till they Drunk as Beggars be.
 They call the Devil *Terkin*, him alone
 They Worship, saying, 'God wills harm to none,'

But

But is intirely good; and therefore they,
 The Mercy of their *Terkin* only pray.
 When they are sick, *Terkin* doth bear the blame,
 Of him they beg deliverance from the same,
 The Muses and their Flamens they Cashier,
 Only *Diana's* Troops are stablished here,
 Except some Priests, which they do call *Peei*,
 With mumbling Charms *Terkin* to pacify.
 (In sum to say) they're all simplicity,
 Almost like *Adam*, in's Innocency.
 Whatever Nature or their Appetite
 Does dictate, they do follow with delight;
 Not once with Conscience check embittered,
 Being by the Law of Nature only led.
 Not coveting large Barns, with Hoards to stuff,
 When once their Belly's full, they have enough;
 For *Avarice*, here never makes them jar,
 Nor Warrants by Religion's varnish, War.
 His pride so natural, (if't be a Vice,)
 Yet costs him nothing, or but little Price;
 It never makes him sell his Land, nor shut
 Shop-windows up, nor a spare Jewel put
 To trouble, in a Pawn for Cloak or Gown.
 His only Pride's a Feather on his Crown:
 The cast-cloths of some gaudy Bird fits him.
 For which he needs not venture Life nor Limb,
 Nor *Hector* it, nor lift under Sir *Hugh*.
 (When known by the old Suit, to fish for new;)
 Nor cringe to Velvet *Titles*, with a gape,
 Like fawning Cur, or mopping Jack-an-Ape:
 Nor need to be light finger'd in a Crowd;
 Nor light heel'd to procure a Scarf or Hood,

Nor with stretch'd Fancies beg a Ladies Smile,
 Which the (poor Soul) scarce understands the while.
 They make no mintage here of Brains, nor be
 The *Sterling* Pence coin'd with a Comedy.
 For Pomp and Fine Cloths only are the cause
 Of all our shirking Trades, and endless Laws.
 Since Nature ne're brought forth a Creature yet,
 Unfurnished, with what Coverlets were fit.
 The Back (if not misus'd) in coldest Land,
 Craving no waste Cloaths, more than Face or Hands.

But this Diversion is somewhat out of our way to
Jamaica.

Reflect. III.

3. **T**Hough in multitude of Counsellors there is safety, yet multitude of Commanders equally sharing in Power, are usually attended with Confusion. And therefore tho' the wary *Romans* invested their Consuls with equal Authority, (lest the unmatted Interest of a single General, should by happy Victories win so much upon the Affections of his concern'd Followers, as to infringe the Liberties, with which they hugg'd themselves in their *Aristocracy*;) yet the Consuls Commanded by turns, by intermitting Days; and very seldom in one and the same Province;

Counter to the Instructions in this Expedition, which obliged the General to act nothing without the joint consent of Gown-Commissioners, for that purpose constituted.

ted. Which, tho' it pleads somewhat in Apol's, for General *Vennables*, yet nevertheless it raiseth out this Model from the more *Genuine Maxims* of Policy; as invented only by the Jealousies of Tyrants and Usurpers; but found useles and prejudicial to more justly installed Princes; whose undisputed Titles need not the broke-age of such shifting and by-way Stratagems to ensure their *Negotiations*.

Reflect. IV.

4. **T**hat Soldiers Wives are more properly seated in their Husband's *Kitchen*, than his *Tent*. General *Vennable's Lady* being not unjustly Blamed, both for his sluggish and listless Proceedings, as also, for his *unlicensed* and immature Return, *further'd*, if not procur'd by her too opportune Inculcations. A *Dalliance* of so sad a consequence to the *English Nation*, that Zeal to my Native Country whets my Passion to so *Satyrical* an edge, that I can scarce forbear, here to lash out, against her whole Sex, did not the Virtues of some others interceed. However I must have a touch at the *Married State*, that warrants such unseasonable Companions for the Wars; wisely prevented by the *Turks* in their *Eunuch Generals*.

The best on't is I am not *aw'd* (thanks to my fates) with the dreadful Catechism of a *Curtain Lecture*.

*I cannot think on wretched Cleopatra,
But she doth move my Spleen, and Bilis atra;*

Who caus'd silly Mark Anthony to smart;
 Losing his Head, when he gave her his Heart.
 He first embrac'd the Serpent in his Arm,
 But she, long after; both, with equal harm.
 How call you those who Fool'd Old Solomon;
 And shameless put the Royal Breeches on?
 What can secure us from the Petticoat?
 When Wit, nor Samson's Strength can save the Throat?
 If Pins and Laces Emperors Enthrall,
 Wonder not at a puny General.
 But if you must Wed; see some Charm you get,
 Inclose i' th' Wedding-Ring an Amulet:
 Nothing can be too safe; we Thunder fear,
 A Toy to th' Curtain-whisper in the Ear.
 Thus Socrates Curs'd Zeno, (when in strife,)
 Vying for Curses, wish'd, he had a Wife.
 Thus the grave Judge in rigour did decree,
 To him that had two Wives, He should have three.
 (As the Monk shriving the Drunkard) for his Pain,
 Ordaining that he should be Drunk again.)
 If Expiations merit, none's more meet,
 Then to do Penance in the Nuptial sheet:
 For sure they need not Purgatory fear
 Hereafter, that (poor Souls) endure it here.
 There's no such Joy in this betwix'd State then,
 If any, th' Women get it, not the Men.
 Tho' I must say, those pretty Sweet-meats please
 Sometime; But to cloy'd Stomachs a Disease.
 Such is the Nuptial Surfeit, a mere Glut,
 Like loathed Baggage to the nauseous Gut.
 Enough is better than a Feast, each one.
 After a Fast does fall the Keener on;

*But to lie wallowing in Cates, though rare,
 Fie on't, what is it but a hoggish fare?
 If then at best no better Cbear you meet,
 How doth he fare that's lodg'd i'th' loathed Sheet?
 If the most stately Prisons cannot please,
 What shall we find i'th' Fakes and Little-ease?
 Is there no Paradise in Cherry-cheek,
 What a plague is that then, that's as green as Leek?
 If that your pretty Maids be things, but silly,
 (Compar'd by ancient Bards, to Rose and Lilly)
 Then sure, that look must needs be out of date,
 Bedaub'd (like Ulcers) with Precipitate.
 If Females, at the best, but Pester Men,
 He's Match'd, that hath a League-Lady then.
 But I'll forbid no Banes; nor rouse the Nest
 Of little angry Wasps: I'm but in Jest;
 Though, whilst some read these lines, their Wives in view,
 They'll Whisper to themselves, and say, they're true.
 For by your leave, Venus though you're matcht,
 There is no doubt but you are Coney-catcht.*

But such poor Men, as this General *Vennables*, (that
 are thus o're-mated) Works my pity rather than scorn,
 moving my *Bowels* more than my *Spleen*; for though
 the Kingdom was the loser, he is none of the Gainers,
 and the Thraldom of his Sheets *out-vies* the Halter; fur-
 nishing us with this Conclusion, That he's unfit to be
Pater Patriæ that is not *Domi Dominus*; nor to Head an
 Army, that must *Kneel* at his own Fire side; nor to
 ride *Admiral* of a Fleet, that cannot carry the *Flag* at
 home, but is forced to lower his *Top-sail*, to a *Petty-coat*.
 In defiance whereof, I have here, with their own *word-*
ed Weapon, taken up the *Gantlet*, to my no little ha-
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zard of a scolding : though if they knew the respect and honour I have for the worthy Ladies ; (as those that knows me, know I am no *Woman Hater*;) nor in this Relation any thing of Kin to the Noble *Blake* , the nicest Coins would easily vouchsafe me an *Act of Grace*. All my Quarrel with their Sex consisting only in the Defence of those poor Men that stand in need of *Absuerus* his Decree.

Reflect. V.

5. **T**HAT the most promising Designs, tho' launch'd out, and promoted with all the appertinent Utensils, that Policy can contrive ; are many times easily defeated by uncalculated Accidents : Sometimes a mistaken Letter, in the sound of a Word, hath rooted great *Armado's* : and the whistling of the Wind in Sicamour Trees destroyed an Host. Thus *Gideon* confounded the *Midianites* with the sudden surprizal of Trumpets, Lamps, and broken Pitchers. † The very looks of the *Germans* affrighted the *Gauls* ; And the very flashes in the besmeared Faces of the *Picts*, did gaule the *Saxons*. Thus did the hellish Visage of the grim *Negroes* and *Malettoes*, beyond all Imagination, at the first assault *Nonplus* our Men at *Hispaniola* ; which yet had not signified so much, if it had not been seconded with the unhappy Conduct of General *Vennables* ; whose crazy Management of Affairs shared so sinister an influence to his better deserving Followers.

† *Cas. Com. de bell. Gal. lit.*

The Indulgent Heavens till now, suspending the Award of any Damages to the *English* Nation, in repair of the loss of that invincible *Armado* in Eighty Eight.

Reflect. VI.

THAT Necessity often trains up a *Militia* better than Plenty. For had not the Belly been *Magister Artis*, putting the Soldiers to their shifts, to silence its Importunities, they had never proved so good Marks-Men, nor had come so familiarly acquainted with the Woods: whose skill therein hath now stood them in so good stead, for the stubbing up those *Spanish Negroes*, that till then lay as Thorns in their sides, that they could scarce stir abroad without being prick'd.

Thus the *Alps* proved less fatal to *Hannibal's* Army, than *Capua*; and Hunger and Cold spur'd and egg'd on the Weather-beaten *Goths* and *Vandals* to better their Sun, till they did Lord it in *France* and *Italy*.

This only inconvenience attended the Soldierly of *Jamaica*, that finding their Legs, and able to stand by themselves, without the Assistance of a *Providore*, they became more refractory, and head-strong, and of a less bounded discipline: acknowledging but small Homage where they received so small Pay; which did the rather subject them to mutiny, and easie to be wrought upon by more working Pates.

Nor did this Licentiousness long want the misimproved subtilty of a Gentleman, one Lieut. Col. *Raymond*, a discontented Soldier, that wanted nothing but a better
Employ,

Employ, to set out his *vast* Parts: and had he not encountered with a General, that is cunning enough, and prov'd himself, at all *Matchiavillian* Affairs, his *Match*; he had certainly reduc'd the Forces in *Jamaica*, into a self-destroying *Flame*; especially now their discontents had *beated* them to so (*tinder-like*) a touchiness, that they were ready to take *Fire* on all occasions. Nor were these *Incendiaries* to seek of all plausible Pretexts that Witty Usurpation doth use to colour and *gild* blacker Designs. But what the aims of Lieut. Col. *Raymond*' were, are not easily to be discovered; but it is more than presum'd, that his want of Employment: (having never had any Charge in *Jamaica*) though not incapable of the greatest, that this Isle could afford, made him (unable to bear *Neglects*) thus over-busie; and too too active in *moulding* poor Lieut. Col. *Tison* to what shape he pleas'd; his *Heart* being better than his *Head*, and his *Armory* better blazoned with the *Dove* than the *Serpent*; and I am very confident did not foresee the evil and danger that those Lawless *Bandyings* do incur, which Relation may admit the more Credit in that I am altogether unconcerned in either *Party*, and neither *prejudic'd* nor *byass'd* with Partiality.

Nor were those fickle-headed Soldiers so soon invited to rise Arms with them, but they sooner deserted them: leaving them to the Mercy of their Opponents Court-Mashals, who presently doom'd them, to be shot to Death. Leut. Col. *Tison* died with some Reluctancy and Regret; but Lieut. Col. *Raymond*, like himself; with an undismay'd Resolution answerable to his wonted Magnanimity, on whose Interment a busie Wit threw this *Epitaph*.

*A*T thy Nativity the Heavens have worn
 Such visage as when Cataline was born.
 Your Significators sure must be th' same,
 And Aspects ; since you differ but in Name.
 His rafter Soul Rome's Walls could not confine,
 Thine deign'd no Pere, scarce that of Cataline.
 His Stile long-winded Tully's did surpass,
 And thine so ravishing, too perswasive was.
 He knew no fear, scarce of his own deem'd Gods,
 Oh that in this, of thee he'd had the odds!
 His soul, engross'd th' Monopoly of Arts,
 And thy Orphean Skill could ravish Hearts.
 His tow'ring Genius could not bend the knee,
 And thine was fitter for a Throne than thee.
 The King of Terrors could not him affright,
 And thou did'st seem to Court eternal might.
 Not unbewail'd was his Catastrophe,
 And ev'n thine Enemies lamented thee.
 He lives (though not entomb'd) by's Famous Facts,
 Thy Grave, scarce known ; but, well enough thine Acts.

Reflect. VII.

7. *T*HAT though Infant-Settlements, like Infant-
 Years, are usually most fatal ; yet their Blessoms
 once Set, are not so easily Blasted. Happily experi-
 mented in Jamaica, whose Blooming hopes now thrive
 so well, and their Stocks so well Rooted, that they are
 not easily Routed. The Major part of the Inhabitants
 being old West-Indians, who, now Naturalized to the
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Country, grow the better by their *Transplantation*, and flourish in Health equivalently comparable to that of their *Mother-Soil*. For which I need not beg Credit, since there is no *Country Disease* (as at *Virginia* and *Surinam*) endemically raging throughout the Isle; nor any new and unheard of Distempers that want a *name*.

So that a Wise Man needs no other *Physick* there but his Temperance, scarcely craving *Hospital Assistance*, so much as we in *England*; nor have any more reason to deify an *Æsculapius*.

And therefore we consult our Fears, rather than the dangers, when the very name of *Travel* into Foreign Parts, doth so much affright us, especially into so Serene an *Air* as breathes in *Jamaica*, that owns nothing but its distance to dismay us from its Visit; The *Indies* being no such Bugbear as they are (usually pourtray'd.) In Vindication therefore,

For Travel, take this Apology.

PRithree, perswade me not, my Dear,
You do mistake my Fates, I fear.

My Glafs will run no sooner out,
Though I do range the World about.

Could my stay here, bribe a delay,
From the pale *Sisters*, I would stay.

But 'tis too true (though't be a Fable)

The *Sisters* are Inexorable;

And are as nimble with their Knife

To those that lead a Homebred Life.

Brave

Brave *Rawleigh* found (too soon) a Tomb!
 Not in the *Indies*, but at home:
 The Destinies did *Drake* forbear
 In the *Antipodes*, not here;
 And do, like Ladies Coy, neglect
 Those most, that Court them with Respect.
 But will Embraces Beg and Pray
 Of those that are as nice as they.
 Or, if the froward Stars dispence
 With their Malignant influence,
 Adjourning Plagues they use to bring,
 In peccant Autumns, or the Spring:
 Yet a Consumption, or the Gout,
 In Chimney-corner finds us out:
 Or, (what is worse) Old driveling Age,
 With all its loathed *Equipage*,
 Arrests us, till we have unpaid
 The Prayers which we for Long Life made;
 Yet, they're forc'd soonest to recant,
 That fruits of youthful Travel want:
 For knowledge only doth commend
 Old Age, whilst listening Nephews tend
 With greedy Ears to catch up all
 Old Stories, Grand-fires does let fall;
 (Thus shortning long Winters Night)
 This palliates Age with some Delight,
 For when the cold Ralsey doth seize
 On other Members, Tongue's at ease.
 And is the Old Man's *Commendamus*,
 Which without Travel is less Famous.
 Nay damn'd Exile in this was blest,
 Of Kings, it has made ours the best:

Thus

Thus *Joseph's* Brethren (meant) Abuse,
Rais'd him the *Honour* of his House.

Aeneas thus enhans'd his Fame,
From *Trojan* to the *Roman* Name.

Reflect. VIII.

8. **T**Hat an Army once *Cow'd*, especially in their first Foreign Attempt, seldom bound their Fear till it become altogether *Panick*: like that *Punick* Amaze that epidemically invaded *Carthage*, after the first Defeat of *Hannibal*, by the more thriving Genius of *Scipio Africanus*.

This is certain, that after the first *check* given to our Forces by the *Negroes* and *Molettoes* in *Hispaniola*, the very mention of their coming, (tho' *bruted* but for experiment) caused some to hasten their March, beyond the *pace* of *Gravity* and *Valour*.

Tho' after *Tryals* approved them to be *Englisb* Men, rather than *Normans*, daring to Rally defeated Courage. The truth whereof many an *Aethiope* hath now unwillingly asserted by the lavish expence of his *sooty* Blood.

And here I intended to Publish some *Essays* touching the future Settlement of *Jamaica*, which now are upon Second Thoughts condemned to *Privacy*.

